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VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communications in CS Docket 97-80

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that on December 16, 2004, the following persons met with Ken Ferree, Chief of the Media Bureau, and Deborah Klein, Rick Chessen, William Johnson, Mary Beth Murphy, Natalie Roisman, and Alison Greenwald, all of the Media Bureau.

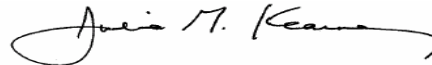
Matthew Zinn, General Counsel, TiVo, Inc.  
Andy Goodman, Director, Software Engineering, TiVo, Inc.  
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Julie Kearney, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs, CEA  
Robert Schwartz, McDermott, Will, & Emery, counsel to CEA

During the meeting, we urged the Commission to maintain the requirement for all digital cable products -- including cable operator supplied set top box products -- to use separable security (*i.e.*, CableCARDs™) and to maintain the July 1, 2006 deadline for cable operators' compliance as currently written in 47 C.F.R. Section 76.1204. The discussion reflected arguments that CEA and its members have made in oral and written statements in the above-referenced docket.

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This letter is being provided to your office in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission rules. A copy of this letter has been delivered by e-mail to the meeting participants.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie M. Kearney", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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Julie M. Kearney  
Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Ken Ferree  
Deborah Klein  
Rick Chessen  
William Johnson  
Mary Beth Murphy  
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